Wishing Everyone a Happy, Healthy and Safe Holiday Season!

FIRE SAFETY FOR THE SEASON

Every holiday season brings with it an increased risk for fire due to the increased use of lights, candles, and fireplaces. To address this increase in risk, many homeowners and businesses adopt fire safety management systems designed to ensure safety and compliance.

SAFETY SPOTLIGHT

SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The initial launch will include three user-based systems, including Laboratory Registrations, Chemical Inventory and Learning Management Systems (LMS). Each system will be integrated with our University IT systems for single sign-on authentication, people and building information and training records.

As announced in October, EH&S will be launching a new comprehensive Safety Management System (SMS) early next year. The initial launch will include three user-based systems, including Laboratory Registrations, Chemical Inventory and Learning Management Systems (LMS).

WINTER WEATHER HAZARDS

Winter Driving: Winter driving can be hazardous and may require extra caution in northern regions that get a lot of snow and ice. Additional precautions can help make it a safer trip, or help motorists deal with an emergency.

Shoveling Snow: Shoveling snow can be a tiring and physically-straining activity, particularly because cold weather can be taxing on the body.

Preventing Slips on Snow and Ice: To prevent injuries, try and remove snow and ice from sidewalks and walkways to ensure safety.

Cold Stress: It is important to know the wind chill temperature so that you can gauge your exposure risk, and plan how to safely work (or play) outdoors. For more information about these and other winter hazards please visit the OSHA Winter Weather website.

For more information and updates, please visit the SMS website.

MEET OUR STAFF

Brittany Cullinan, EH&S Assistant Business Manager, joined EH&S in October 2022. Brittany is responsible for the day to day business operations of EH&S which includes budget administration, purchasing, personnel, payroll, accounting, functions, administrative functions, and business office supervision.

Brittany has a Bachelors of Science Degree in Accounting from Wagner College and a Bachelors of Business Administration Degree from Manhattan College. She has two years of administrative experience from Manhattan College and two years of business administration experience from Wagner College. She is excited and eager to be a part of the EH&S team.

Congratulations to Dr. Sandhya Muralidharan, who recently accepted a new position in the Department of Chemistry as Assistant Director of Chemistry Facilities and Operations. Sandhya had served as Lab Safety Specialist & Chemical Hygiene Officer (CHO) in EH&S since June of 2014. During her time in EH&S, Sandhya leveraged her prior research experience and perspective to help improve communication and collaboration between researchers and EH&S.

Sandhya received her Ph.D. in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Stony Brook University School of Medicine in 2010. In the same year, she joined the group of Dr. Elizabeth Boon as the Technical Support Specialist in Chemistry, where she developed and supported the department-specific safety procedures and protocols. Sandhya worked closely with researchers on developing safety plans for lab projects, including the chemical fume hood testing program. She was also involved in developing new safety procedures for the Florida Manatee's research team.

Sandhya’s research included work on developing a new comprehensive Safety Management System (SMS) early next year. The initial launch will include three user-based systems, including Laboratory Registrations, Chemical Inventory and Learning Management Systems (LMS). Each system will be integrated with our University IT systems for single sign-on authentication, people and building information and training records.

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“Worries change with the seasons, but the need for heat and safety continues,” said Dr. Elizabeth Boon.